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## Study Says Failure To Reach Arms Pact Would Weaken U.S.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8—Failure to reach agreement on the terms of a new Soviet-American strategic arms accord could give Moscow a 50 percent advantage in missiles and bombers in the 1980's, according to a report released today by Representative Les Aspin, Democrat of Wisconsin.

The report, which Carter Administration officials said closely matched intelligence estimates, concludes that without a new arms agreement the Soviet Union probably would possess a force of about 3,050 strategic bombers and missiles by 1985. According to Representative Aspin, the current American program "would take the United States to only 2,059 missiles and bombers by 1985."

For the United States to make up this gap, Representative Aspin said, it would have to spend at least \$20 billion in new weapons over the next decade. "That's \$20 billion we wouldn't have to spend if the arms accord is ratified by Congress," he said.

### Backing of Administration

Although negotiations have not been completed on a new treaty limiting strategic arms, the United States and the Soviet Union have tentatively agreed that such an accord should limit both countries to about 2,200 missiles and bombers. At present, the Soviet Union has about 2,500 missiles and bombers and the United States about 2,100. Any new agreement must be ratified by the Senate.

Mr. Aspin, who is an active member of the House Armed Services Committee, prepared his report on his own and not under the auspices of the committee. The report, however, was thought to have the backing of the Carter Administration.

In an interview, Mr. Aspin said his conclusions were drawn from public sources and were based on the assumption that Moscow would continue its current strategic-arms buildup in the event that a new accord is not completed or is not approved by the Senate.